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**Men of Valor Awards Breakfast
February 2, 2002
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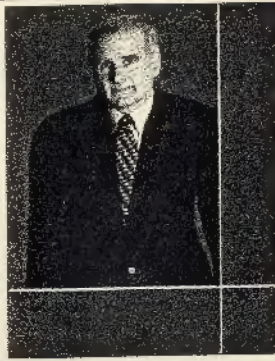
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Alfred C. Koeppe was named President and Chief Operating Officer of Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) March 1, 2000. He had been Senior Vice President - Corporate Services and External Affairs since November 1996. Mr. Koeppe joined PSE&G in October 1995 as Senior Vice President - External Affairs.

He began his career with New Jersey Bell in 1969, but pursued his interest in law in 1975 as a clerk for U.S. District Judge Vincent Biunno. Following his clerkship, Mr. Koeppe was a trial attorney for AT&T in the Department of Justice antitrust case and for the New Jersey Department of the Public Defender. In 1982, he returned to New Jersey Bell and, rising quickly through several executive positions, was elected vice president of Public Affairs in 1989. In 1993, he was elected president and Chief Executive Officer of Bell Atlantic-New Jersey.

Mr. Koeppe received his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University and his law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law. He is the inventor and registered patent holder for a home incarceration system which utilizes telecommunications technology.

He is the recipient of numerous awards including the Trailblazer Award, presented by the Council for Action for Minority Professionals; the Diversity Award, presented by the Consortium of Information and Technological Executives; the Association of Latino Bell Atlantic Employees Recognition Award; and the Anti-Defamation League's Americanism Award.

Mr. Koeppe served as Chairman of Chief Justice Wilentz's Commission to reform the New Jersey Court System. He is currently the Chair of the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce and Vice Chair of the New Jersey Higher Education Commission, as well as the New Jersey Network Foundation.

Mr. Koeppe holds memberships in the New Jersey, American, and Essex County Bar Associations. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the National Conference, and the Newark Regional Business Partnership. Mr. Koeppe also serves as a Director of Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey.

He and his wife, Ann, have two children, Adam and Allison.

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MR. ALFRED C. KOEPPE FOR SERVING AS THE
HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF
THE 2002 "MEN OF VALOR" AWARD
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THIS EVENT IS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS
BECAUSE OF HIS PERSONAL COMMITMENT
TO THIS AGENCY, AND THE HARD WORK
OF HIS WONDERFUL STAFF:

SHIRLEY WARD
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JETHRO JAMES
ALICIA GASS

With Much Appreciation,

Sharon D. Berry Baker
President & Chief Executive Officer

Mayor Sharpe James

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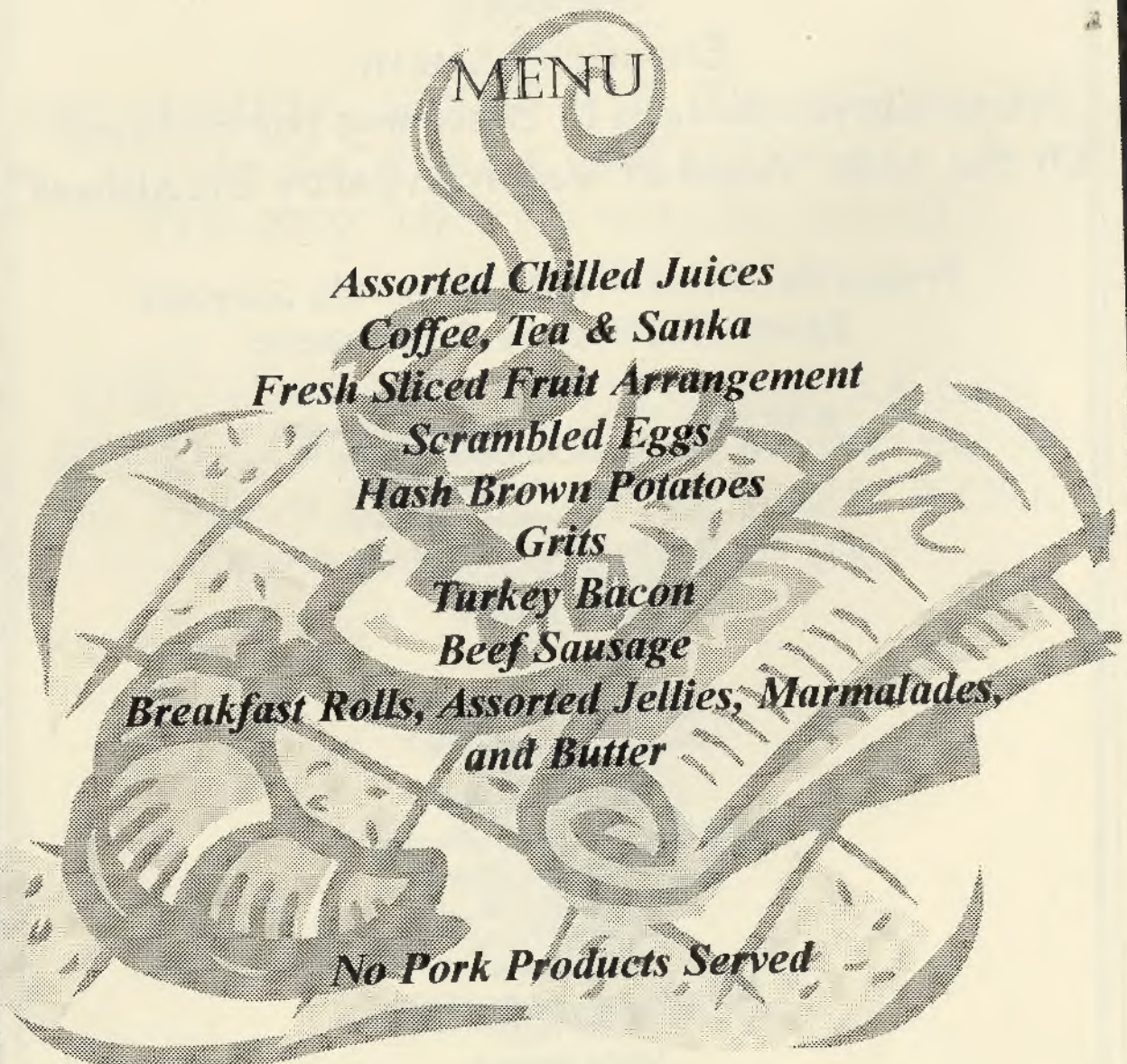
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MENU

Assorted Chilled Juices

Coffee, Tea & Sanka

Fresh Sliced Fruit Arrangement

Scrambled Eggs

Hash Brown Potatoes

Grits

Turkey Bacon

Beef Sausage

*Breakfast Rolls, Assorted Jellies, Marmalades,
and Butter*

No Pork Products Served



Jon S. Corzine
United States Senator

Jon S. Corzine was elected to his first term in the United States Senate in November 2000, after a long and successful career as an investment banker.

The former Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive of Goldman Sachs, Senator Corzine is a member of the Senate Budget Committee, The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, The Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, and the Joint Economic Committee.

In response to the terrorist attack on America on September 11, 2001, Senator Corzine is sponsoring legislation that demands states put together plans to deal with the threat of biological or chemical attacks. He successfully added provisions in the aviation assistance bill which gives the government a stake in the equity of airline companies that accept loan guarantees. He is also seeking a major infusion of funds to shore up Amtrak's service and security.

Earlier last year, the Senator introduced legislation that would outlaw racial profiling, and he is the co-sponsor of legislation to tighten gun control measures in the country. He has sponsored legislation mandating tougher child passenger safety standards for automobiles, and wants states to take measures regulating the use of cell phones by drivers.

The Senator was graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1969, and enlisted in the U.S. Marines Corps reserves. He remained in the reserves until 1975, rising to the rank of sergeant in his infantry.

After his active duty in the Marine Corps, he began his career in finance, working as a portfolio analyst at the Continental Illinois National Bank in Chicago. Also in 1970, he enrolled at the graduate business school of the University of Chicago. He received his MBA in 1973, and went to work at Bank Ohio, a regional bank in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1975, Senator Corzine was hired as a bond trader at Goldman Sachs in New York, and he and his wife Joanne decided to make New Jersey their home, raising their three children - Jennifer, Joshua, and Jeffrey — in Summit, New Jersey.

The Senator was named a partner at Goldman Sachs in 1980, and became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in 1994. He left Goldman Sachs in May 1999.

During Senator Corzine's Leadership at Goldman Sachs, the business magazine "Fortune" named Goldman Sachs as one of the 10 best companies in America. The Senator was named by *Time Magazine* as one of the top 50 technology executives in the country in 1997.

As the chief executive officer at Goldman Sachs, Senator Corzine expanded the company's community outreach and philanthropic programs, establishing a company wide service program in which employees volunteer on a regular basis in their communities.



Sharpe James Mayor of Newark

The only Civil Rights veteran still serving as Mayor in America, Sharpe James was elected mayor of Newark on May 13, 1986 and was sworn into office on July 1 of that year. He was the first mayor to run unopposed when he sought re-election in 1990 and won re-election in 1994 and 1999.

While helping the City of Newark win the Most Livable City, the All-American City, and the Environmental Protection Administrator's Awards, Mayor James inspired the creation of the public/private partnerships which are largely responsible for the City's growth and revitalization.

During the James Administration, bond rates and housing stock numbers have risen, as well as city revenues. At the same time, many affordable housing complexes and many businesses have relocated or expanded in Newark.

Cultural revitalization has also received tremendous boost during the James Administration, with Mayor James leading the campaign for \$185 Million, 2,700 seat New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), which opened in 1997. It immediately became a venue for top performers like Lyle Lovett and Dianna Ross, anchoring the development of new city nightlife, where one can be surrounded by art and culture; shop nearby eat at a restaurant, and relax in an area hotel.

Just as importantly, the James Administration has been responsible for laws that have made the City of Newark an environmental role model. Following the "motto "Think Globally"...Act Locally," Newark has adopted laws that have given the City a recycling of 57 percent, banned the production and sale of ozone-depleting chemicals and prohibited the use of non-biodegradable plastics in food packaging.

Mayor James was first elected to public office in 1970 as South Ward Councilman, he was re-elected to that post on the first ballot in 1974 and 1978, when he ran unopposed. In 1982 he was elected Councilman at Large.

Sharpe James is the 35th mayor of New Jersey's largest city and had compiled an impressive number of "FIRST". He is the first Newark Councilman to be elected as Mayor, and the only second African American elected mayor of Newark. Mayor James was a professor at Essex County College, where he was the first African American to serve as department chairman and athletic director. He also served as vice president and then president of the Garden State Conference (GSAC).

A native of Jacksonville Florida, where he was born on Feb. 20, 1936, Sharpe James has lived most of his life in Newark. A graduate of Miller Street School, South Side High School (Now Malcolm X Shabazz), and Montclair State University, he earned a Master's Degree from Springfield College. He received the 1961 Department of Physiology Award from that school, and has completed advanced studies at Washington State, Columbia and Rutgers University. He also served with the U.S. Army in Europe. In 1988, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree from Drew University.

Mayor James is on the Board of Trustees of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, a vice president of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors and is a past president of the National League of Cities. In 1999, he was inducted into the New Jersey Elected Officials Hall of Fame, and in 2001, he was voted as Mayor of the year by NJCM. Mayor James was one of the nation's "Ten Best Dressed men of 1987. In 1992, he was voted "The Most Valuable Public Officials in municipal government by City and State Magazine. An avid tennis player. Mayor James resides in Newark's South Ward with his wife Mary. They have three sons. John, Elliot, Kevin.



SHARPE JAMES

MAYOR

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

07102

February 2, 2002

Dear Friends:

Please allow me to welcome you to today's "*Men Of Valor Awards Breakfast*" sponsored by Project Re-Direct/Youth & Family Services.

As Mayor of the State's largest and most culturally diverse city it gives me great pleasure to join you today at an event which helps develop worthwhile programs for Newark residents and help strengthen the families that they serve.

Thank you for selecting me to receive the *Men of Valor Award*. I am proud to receive this prestigious award along with such other distinguished individuals, which highlights the accomplishments during my tenure as an elected official. It is rewarding to have been recognized for my years of service to the people of the great city that I serve.

Newark's renaissance is not limited to bricks and mortar alone. Much progress has been made in developing Newark into a first class city. As Newark's Chief Elected Official, I am proud to have been supportive of many community initiatives, such as Project Re-Direct/Youth and Family Services, whose goals are to strengthen family ties and help improve quality of life and other social issues that affect the citizens of Newark.

I commend the wonderful work of Ralph and Sharon Berry Baker who have worked diligently towards helping improve the lives of so many whom they have touched. I also would like to thank the members of the event committee, Alfred Koeppe, President and Chief Operating Officer of Public Service Electric and Gas Company; Irvington Council President Wayne Smith and the Reverend Reginald T. Jackson for serving as co-chairpersons of this great event.

Again, I thank you for bestowing this great honor on me. Together, we will continue to work towards improving the quality of life for all of our citizens. Best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event!

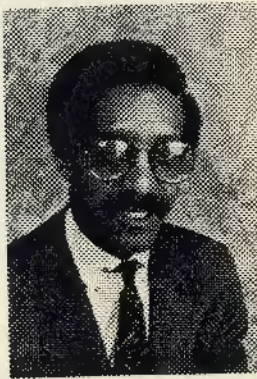
All the best!

Sincerely yours,

Sharpe James

Mayor

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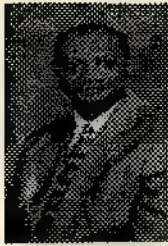
Senator Ronald L. Rice
28th Legislative District

Senator Ronald L. Rice, who is one the senior ranking Senators in the state of New Jersey was first elected to the New Jersey State Senate, 28th Legislative District, by special election on November 18, 1986, filing the unexpired term of the late John P. Caufield. He was sworn into office on December 4, 1986 and has since been re-elected to four additional terms, in 1987, '91, '93 '97 and 2001. The Senator has served as the Senate Assistant Deputy Majority Leader, the Assistant Deputy Minority Leader, the Associate Minority Leader and Vice Chair of the Senate Law and Public Safety and Veteran Affairs Committee.

Senator Rice, is a Vietnam Veteran, served in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1970. He was discharged with the rank of sergeant with several honors, an honorable discharge and good conduct medal.

Senator Ronal L. Rice is one the senior ranking State Senator in New Jersey. Over the years has lead the fight, sponsored legislation and supported legislation that has literally brought millions of dollars into his district. He has sponsored legislation to address the needs of early childhood education, daycare and special education, legislation that addresses the concerns of grandparents, legislation that address the crime and quality of life issues plaguing many communities, legislation needed to address our healthcare system, and legislation to assist both small and large businesses with their problems and to enhance their growth opportunities and more.

For his outstanding leadership role Senator Rice, has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Chamber of Commerce's 1995 Outstanding Governance award, the New Jersey Pediatric Society's Person of the Year award for his legislative efforts on behalf of women and children, the Essex County Education Association's Legislator of the Year award, two times the recipient of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors legislator of the award (1994 and 2001), African American Leader of the Year for Essex County award, a life membership-New Jersey Parent Teachers Association award, City News 100 Most Influential African-Americans in New Jersey Award and named by the press as one of the New Jersey Legislature "Best Dressed" legislators just to name a few.



Rev. Reginald T. Jackson
Pastor St. Mathew African Methodist Episcopal Church

During his pastorate this congregation has grown from about 100 to more than 1600 disciples, who are engaged in ministry, mission and outreach. The church adopted the motto, "The Servant Church of the Oranges" and has developed more than 30 ministries and programs that seek to meet the needs of every segment of the congregation and community

He is the Chairman of the Board of Examiners of the New Jersey Conference A M E. Church which instructs examines and recommends all candidates for ministry and ordination in the A. M.E church.

In addition to his pastorate Rev. Jackson is the president of the Board of Education, of the City of Orange Township and serves as Executive Director of the Black Ministers Council of New Jersey, which represents more than 800 African American Churches in the State

Rev Jackson is an outspoken voice on issues of importance to the state, especially quality education and economic development of inner cities. He has been named by both New Jersey Monthly Magazine and New Jersey Network, the state's public broadcasting company, as one of the 25 most influential people in the State of New Jersey.

With all his commitments and responsibilities Rev Jackson is the proud and devoted father of Regina Victoria Jackson



WHO IS WAYNE SMITH?

Council President/Irvington Township

President of Irvington Municipal Council since 1998 and member of the council since 1996,

President of Wayne Smith & Associates, a public relations, marketing and public affairs consulting firm

Chairman of The Black Urban Alliance-African American Chamber of Commerce of NJ/NY

Chairman of the Legislative Task Force of Minority Braintrust

Member of the Irvington Chamber of Commerce

Ex-assistant to former Irvington Mayor Michael G. Steele

Coordinator of Irvington's first United National's People Festival

Board member of the United Way of Essex & West Hudson and the Boys and Girls Club of Essex

County

Chairman of the Board of Project Re-Direct /Youth & Family Services Inc.

Co-Chairman of New Jersey Citizen Action

Member of the NJ State Blue Ribbon Panel on Black Infant Mortality

Former member of the Irvington Public Library Board of Trustees

Former Commissioner of the Irvington Housing Authority

1998 recipient of "Man of Valor" Award from Project Re-Direct/Youth & Family Services



John R. Bruno
CEO The Bruno Group

Over Thirty Years ago, John R. Bruno Sr. Founder and CEO of The Bruno Group, recognized that many municipal and county units of government did not have the resources and the capacity to effectively pursue and administer grant opportunities at the state and federal level.

One of New Jersey's most recognizable business professionals, Mr. Bruno distinguished himself as one of the State's first experts in federal and state aid applications. He is a resident of Rutherford and in World War II. He served in the Army Adjunct General Division and was stationed in Germany and France. Prior to establishing his own business, he served as a congressional press secretary to former Governor B. Meyer. Active on the local level, Mr. Bruno chaired his town recreation Commission for 15 years and has served as the Chairman of the Cancer Society Fund Raising Program, as well as many charitable organizations. New Jersey Governor James E. McGreevey appointed him to his Smart Growth Transition Team. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Italian-American Police Society Award, and the Newark Municipal Council Citation for 30 years of Service. Other awards include a Commendation from Hamson Mayor Raymond McDonough; a Certificate of Appreciation from Rahway Mayor James J. Kennedy, an Appreciation Award from Newark Councilman at Large Luis A. Quintana; and a Recognition Award from Rutherford Mayor William Einreihoffer.

Ralph Baker

Co-Founder/Project Re-Direct/Youth & Family Service Inc.

A native of Newark, he graduated Newton Street School, West Side H.S., and received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Cincinnati.

Former Vice President of Khakha International, (An entertainment company)

Former Vice President of Blight Arrest Pioneer Patrol (A national Security agency) wherein he established security concerns in thirteen states.

Former President of Rahway F.O.R.J.M. Inc. Children & Family Services Inc. A child-centered organization, geared toward assisting children and their families.

He is Co-Founder of Project Re-Direct/Youth & Family Services Inc. Where he adopted a shared vision to reach out and redirect the lives of at-risk youth in Newark and throughout Essex County.

Currently holds the position as Director of Prevention and Intervention Programs for the Organization, Assists the President with administrative duties, and board development. He created SIMBA II (Single Intelligent Males With Bold Ability) the Male mentoring program for Project Re-Direct.

He maintains that no child should be denied, and works hard in the EY2K program to ensure that children receive an accelerated education that complies with the State Core Curriculum Content Standards.

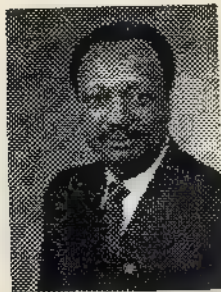
He has developed a Gang Reform program geared at addressing the issue of gang violence within the Central Ward of Newark, and throughout the Metro Newark area specifically within the school district. He is assisting with program expansion to other Newark Schools within the 2003 school year.





Donald Bernard Sr.

A fifth generation native of Newark, New Jersey, Mr. Bernard received his Bachelor of Arts Degree with honors from Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina in 1969. He received his Master of Regional Planning degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1971, Matriculating as a Ford and Housing and Urban Development Fellow. He has also pursued advanced studies at the Rutgers Newhouse Law and Criminal Justice School. Mr. Bernard has held numerous administrative positions including, Director of Interim Assistance, a 15 million dollar physical development post-riot program. His community activism prepared him to serve for ten years as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Newark, Recycling Inc., which recycled waste materials while rehabilitating ex-offenders and recovering addicts. Don Bernard can truly be measured by his deeds as well as his words. His present labor of love is serving as Chairman of the African American Heritage Parade Committee, Inc. Under his leadership, he has produced numerous first class events and eight parades now being labeled "The Best Parade in New Jersey"



Maurice J. Brown—Director/External Affairs Verizon-NJ

Maurice J. Brown is a director in Verizon—New Jersey's External Affairs department and specializes in urban development. Mr. Brown is responsible for carrying out Verizon's commitment to bring the information superhighway to the urban communities and eliminate the expressway that produces a one-way ticket to the digital divide. Through Verizon's "Opportunity New Jersey" Initiatives, he works to enhance the state's ability to attract and retain jobs and industries. He is a past recipient of the New Jersey YMCA's Black Achiever Award and was recognized by City News as a Corporate Achiever. A Leadership NJ 2001 Graduate, he serves as President of the Verizon Employee Resource Group Consortium, which includes nationally, all of the various resource groups within the Verizon Corporation. He serves on many Boards. He is Commissioner on the Montclair Civil Rights Commission and chairs the Affirmative Action Committee. He is on the Newark Workforce Investment Board and the Essex County Workforce Investment Board, where he serves as Deputy Chair. He received the distinction of being named as one of New Jersey's "100 Most Influential" in the urban community. He attended Newark College of Engineering, majoring in electrical engineering with a minor in mathematics. Mr. Brown, who raised his daughter as a single parent and is the proud grandparent of two, resides in Montclair with his wife Rosemary and two stepsons.



Dale G. Caldwell

Dale Gilbert Caldwell graduated from Princeton University with a degree in economics in 1982 and received a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree in finance from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1988. Mr. Caldwell is currently the Executive Director of the Newark Alliance. The mission of the Newark Alliance is to work with the public, private and civic organizations to make Newark a better, safer place to work, live, learn play and do business. He is currently taking the lead on creating the Neighborhood Development Alliance (NDA) which will work in affiliation with the Newark Alliance to coordinate job training, neighborhood communication and minority and neighborhood business development in the building trades. The Alliance is a non-profit organization serving as a catalyst to ensure that government, corporations and non-profit groups work together for the betterment of the city. Prior to joining the Alliance, Mr. Caldwell Worked as a Senior Manager and Global Recruiting Director of Deloitte Consulting. His consulting practice focused on assisting states, counties and cities in improving operations and maximizing revenue. Mr. Caldwell has been an active volunteer in civic and public organizations. He is the creator of the international school-to-work Day which takes place in 10 Countries and 90 United States cities on the first Friday in March each year. His efforts in education were recognized in 1998 when he won New Jersey Monthly magazines New Jersey Pride Award in the Education category.



Andrew G. Davis

Andrew Davis entered the financial services industry in 1986. He joined First Union National Bank in 1989 and is currently a Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager in their Charitable Service Group. Andrew is responsible for working with First Union's non-profit community helping organizations define their financial objectives and assisting them with planned giving techniques. He is a graduate of St. John's University and the Pennsylvania Bankers Association Trust School at Bucknell University. Andrew serves as trustee for several private foundations and is a member of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association and the Princeton Area Planned Giving Council. He serves on the planned giving advisory board of the Foundation of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Children's Specialized Hospital, Interfaith Council for the Homeless in Union County and the Northern Council Boy Scouts of America. As a board member of the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, Andrew has helped organize annual health fairs for the Heritage Soccer League, in Union and Essex Counties which in the past three years provided over 6000 individuals with free access to information concerning preventive medicine and dentistry.



***Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.
Essex County Freeholder***

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. of Nutley was sworn to serve an interim as an at large member of the Essex County Board of Freeholders in May 1990. He was elected to a full three year in November 1990, and the re-elected to successive terms in 1993, 1996, and 1999.

Freeholder DiVincenzo currently serves as President of the Board, a position to which his colleagues have elected him for seven consecutive years. Beginning in 1995 he also holds the position of coordinator of athletics for the Newark Public Schools.

He has done commendable work overseeing the operations of the county, but his devotion to its youth is truly admirable. "Joe Di" as he is known throughout the county, has dedicated his life to bringing team sports to all inner city children.

More than three million dollars have been raised in the past 24 years to provide programs for more than 15000 youths, including remedial reading and recreational after school programs and scholarships for Newark high school seniors. Currently more than 200 volunteers participate in Project Pnde's Year round Programs.



Carlton Ford

Carl Ford was born in a beautiful, idyllic island in the Caribbean Ocean called Jamaica. In 1969, Carl and his bride migrated to America and made New Jersey their home. He realized that his dream could be fulfilled if he went back to school to study cosmetology. After graduation, he worked in various beauty salons and finally in 1976, Carl purchased a building in the Township of Irvington and opened Ford's Beauty Salon. Mr. Ford has been instrumental in assisting novice beauticians. He allows them to train at his shop while he provides lessons in advanced styling, accounting and ordering skills.

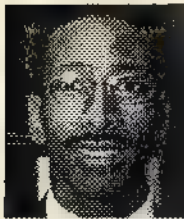
Carl is truly concerned about the Irvington community; its economic development and the development of its youth. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, he assists with the feeding at the Lighthouse in Newark and the Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation. Carl is currently a member of Irvington's Planning Board and holds the position of Vice-Chairman. He is involved with the Irvington Chamber of Commerce and is entering his second year as its President. Carl and Erica have one son and one grandson and reside in Maplewood



Thomas P. Giblin
Essex County Democratic Chairman

Tom Giblin of Montclair, New Jersey, was elected Essex County Democratic Chairman in June 1993. His party service also includes serving as New Jersey Democratic Chairman from June 1997 to July 2001. A delegate to the 2000 Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, California, as well as being a Delegate to the 1996 Convention and Alternate Delegate to the 1984 and 1988 Convention, he was also a 1996 member of the New Jersey Electoral College. He previously served as Treasurer of the Essex County Democratic Committee from 1970 to 1982. Tom is a graduate of Seton Hall Prep and Seton Hall University (1969) with a B.A. degree in Political Science. He attended Seton Hall University and Rutgers University for post graduate courses in History and Political Science. He served with the New Air National Guard for 6 years, retiring with the rank of staff Sergeant. Tom Giblin served as an evening instructor at the Essex County Vocational School Board from 1970-1975 and as treasurer of the Board from 1975-76. He is currently a member of the St. Vincent Academy Advisory Board, Newark, for 18 years and was a trustee of Lacordaire Academy of Upper Montclair for over 10 years.

Tom Giblin is President of the 5,500 member local 68-68A-68B of the International Union of Operating Engineers, AFLCIO, headquartered in West Caldwell, New Jersey in addition to his other duties. Tom was 22 year Director of the Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey, is a 12 year member/Trustee of United Way of Essex West Hudson, and a former Executive Board Member of the Essex Council, Boy Scouts of America. Tom was General Chairman of the Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc., a post that he has held 12 times. He is the Grand Marshal of the 1975 Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade, the 1984 Nutley Parade, and was the General Chairman of the 1977 Inish Festival held at the Garden State Arts Center in Holmdel. Tom is the father of five children: Thomas P. Jr., Noreen, Edward, Patrick, Anne.



Lewis V. Hurd

Community Development Officer, Fleet Bank, Cranford, New Jersey

- *Managed junior officers and staff.*
- *Developed strategic partnership with governmental agencies to create economic growth and business opportunities.*
- *Provide technical assistance and services to community development organizations.*
- *Provide programs for product allocation and full subsidy for home mortgages.*

Education:

- *Masters Degree, 1995: Kean University: Public Administration*
- *Bachelor of Arts, 1988: Kean University: Major Management Science Minor: Public Administration*

Board Participation:

- *NJ Citizen Action—Finance Committee 2000—present*
- *Community Access Unlimited—Chair 1999—present*
- *Elizabethport Community Center—Finance Committee, 2000-present*
- *CMI Community Center Inc. 1999-present*

Community Affiliations

- *Planning Board—Plainfield, Board Member, 1998-2001*
- *Housing Authority—Plainfield, Commissioner, 2001-2005*
- *Neighborhood Empowerment Council—Plainfield, 2001*
- *Neighborhood Empowerment Council—Perth Amboy, 1999-2001*



Henry C. Johnson, PH.

Dr. Henry C. Johnson holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Emory State University and a doctorate of philosophy in Education from Michigan State University. Co-founder of City News Publishing Company with his wife Jan Edgenton Johnson, he serves as CEO and Publisher of City News Publishing Company and YES Communications, Inc. Dr. Johnson, a former school psychologist, is well aware of the barriers to achievement in urban schools. Consequently, he and Jan launches YES magazine, which focuses on youth achievers. According to Dr. Johnson, an avid believer in business development, "community economic development will reduce crime and create the incentives for youth to excel and prepare for jobs. Currently Dr. Johnson serves on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, the NJ State Commission for Higher Education and the NJ State Department of Banking Community Financial Services Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the National Board of Director. Ac of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, The Black Press of American and the National Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation. Actively engaged in Newark, he is a member of the Community Advisory Committee of Connection Newark and was appointed by the mayor of Newark to serve on the Newark Workforce Investment Board. Dr. Johnson helped write the recently funded Newark Cyber District proposal, authoring the vision statement.

**Congratulations to all of our 2002
'Men of Valor' Awardees.**

**Your demonstrated commitment to
improving the quality of life for
children and families enhances our
Vision. We look forward to a con-
tinued partnership**

The Event Committee



Armando Medina

Mr. Armando Medina is a long term resident of Newark, NJ. He completed his BA in Secondary Science Education from Rowan University and his MSW from the Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work. He will complete an MA in Educational Administration at Kean University in January 2002. His greatest community and professional interests are in supporting and promoting parental and community involvement at all levels in urban schools. He has dedicated his professional career and his voluntary community involvement toward advocating for the rights of children and their families. He has certification as a Comer School Development Program Trainer from Yale University. In Newark, he has been the primary driving force within the school district in the implementation of school-based clinics and youth service programs. He is an active volunteer with "Save Latin America, Inc." Mr. Medina was recently selected for membership on the Advisory Committee for the Center for Hispanic Policy Research and Development of the State Department of Community Affairs. During his thirty years of professional services in CBO's and public schools, he has continued to play an advocacy role for children and parents. This 'blue ribbon' panel reviews and recommends for funding proposals from community-based organizations from the entire State of New Jersey.



Omar Abdul-Karem Shabazz—972 Broad St.—6th Floor, Newark, N.J. 07102

This freedom fighter works for the American Friends Service Committee as a Coordinator of the Prisoner Resource Center. This program is geared towards assisting this population with information and referral services which aid in ex-offenders making as smooth a transition as possible. Shabazz has also provided some valuable services to the city of Elizabeth's Trinitas Hospital where he has worked for seven years as the Coordinator of Community Initiative's Youth Program. He is the Chief Executive Officer of the Anchor of Hope Development Center, located in Newark, NJ. As a community developer, paralegal and motivational speaker, Omar often relates his personal struggle with the Criminal Justice System and vows to use his life to steer as many people as possible from the prisons and the cemeteries.



Philip S. Thomas—Vice President—New Jersey Performing Arts Center

Philip S. Thomas demonstrates a strong commitment to providing New Jersey residents, particularly its youngest citizens, with opportunities to participate in high quality performing arts experiences that stimulate creative expression, celebrate the rich cultural diversity of the arts, excite the imagination, and enhance the joy of learning. Mr. Thomas is currently the Vice President for Arts Education for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark. Since 1992, Mr. Thomas has been responsible for developing a comprehensive Arts Education Department for NJPAC that includes a performance series, school-based residency programs, professional development programs for educators and arts training programs in theater, dance, music and literary arts. Mr. Thomas is recognized as a leader in the development and implementation of community based arts education programming by the New Jersey arts community, state and local government, and the private sector. Mr. Thomas is past President of the board of directors of the Newark Arts Council (1991), and served as a board member for the national Network of Cultural Centers of Color (1989-1991), and the National Association of Performing Arts Presenters (1991-1994). Mr. Thomas is married to Greta Allen Thomas and is the father of one son, Terrance.



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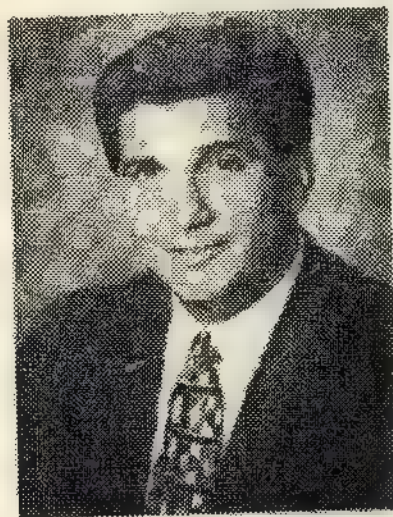
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